

Every year the City of Council Bluffs Traffic Maintenance Division receives several requests for "Deaf Child" signs. In most cases our department will no longer install these signs for the following reasons:

- Studies do not indicate that the signs have an impact on speed or safety of the child.
- Children grow up and move.
- The more signs that are installed along the roadway, the less impact any of them have.
- It provides a false sense of security for the child.
- The sign gives no instruction to the motorist.

All children should be supervised when outside, especially deaf children. Children should not play near streets and families with deaf children need to be especially aware of this.

If you would like a deaf child sign near your home consider installing your own private sign on your own property. This sign can be unique and may get people's attention.

With the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs there is a significant population of deaf people within the community. Typically the only areas that our department will place "Deaf Child" signs are next to apartment complexes or locations where multiple deaf children reside and will reside into the future. (See article on "[Children at Play](#)" signs for further information).